

All Phone numbers have been changed to the Intergroup Office Number.

THE BEACON

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Deadline....

.....for information to go into the December issue of The Beacon is November 9th, 2001. Information can be sent to :

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or e-mailed to:

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(please use the word "beacon" in the subject line)

TRADITION ELEVEN

Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion: we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio and films.

From the Traditions Checklist:

1. Do I sometimes promote AA so fanatically that I make it seem *unattractive*?

2 Am I always careful to keep the confidences reposed in me as an AA member?

3. Am I careful about throwing AA names around – even within the fellowship?

4. Am I ashamed of being a recovered, or recovering alcoholic?

5. What would AA be like if we were not guided by the ideas in



Tradition Eleven?
Where would I be?

6. Is my AA sobriety attractive enough that a sick drunk would want such a quality for himself?

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NEW!!!
<http://www.aaworcester.org>

Office Hours:

Monday	10am-2pm
Tuesday	10am-8pm
Wednesday	10am-8pm
Thursday	10am-8pm
Friday	10am-2pm
Saturday	9am-2pm
Sunday	CLOSED

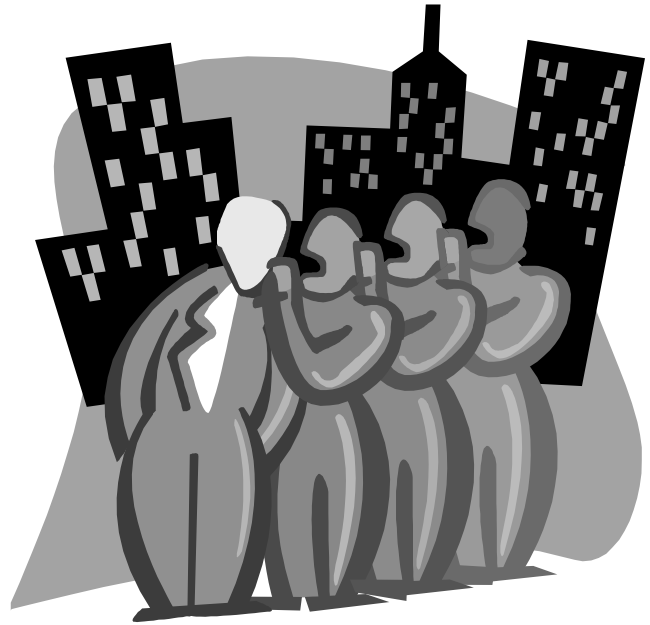
UPCOMING EVENTS

November 1-4, 2001 – 40th Annual Hawaii AA Convention will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii. For more information call (508) 752-9000

November 9-11, 2001— 38th Ma State AA Convention will be held at the Royal Plaza Hotel & Conference Center. Call Annemarie M. (508) 752-9000 for more information.

February 22-24, 2002 – NERAASA 2002 will be held at the Pittsburgh Airport Marriott in Pittsburgh, PA. For more info call: Arlene H. (508) 752-9000

October 4-6, 2002 – Northeast Regional Convention will be held at the Sheraton South Portland Hotel in Portland Maine. More details to come.



Step 11: Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, *as we understood him*, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

HELP WANTED: ways to get involved...

H.A.L.T.line is looking for volunteers to answer the phone from their homes when the office is closed. Currently, there are 2 hours in the week left to fill. If you can give, even an hour a week, please call Paul P. at (508) 752-9000.

Treatment Facilities needs groups to fill the new commitments that are coming up. If you can help, please call at the Intergroup Office.

Corrections Facilities is looking for people to get involved. Please contact the Intergroup Office for more details. (508) 752-9000.

Several of our Intergroup and District Committees are in need of help. If you have one day a month you could devote to helping out on a Committee, please ask your Intergroup Delegate, GSR or call the Intergroup Office for more information. We are currently looking for active Chairpersons for CPC and Archives committees.

MEETING CHANGES & ANNIVERSARIES

Is your meeting changing time or location? Closing? New Meeting starting? Let us know!! Send the information to the Intergroup Office and it will go into The Beacon, the next update of the Meeting List and updated on our web site!!

NEW!! A New Way Of Life open speaker Meeting Mondays 7pm-8pm at the Trinitarian Church, Route 32, Gilbertville.

CHANGE!! It's About Time Mondays in Worcester will now meet from 7pm to 8:30pm.

CHANGE!! Friday night meeting at Assumption College is now in La Maison, Main Building, 2nd floor.

CHANGE!! The Holden Group Thursday night meeting will be changing their meeting time from 8:30-9:30pm to 8:00-9:00pm beginning in September.

NEW!! What's Up of AA

(open/ different meeting every week) 7:30pm at 79 Pleasant St. Worcester.

NEW!! Milford Nooner (Big Book) Wednesday noon to 1pm at Trinity Episcopal Church Milford.

CHANGE!! Southbridge Original (Sundays) is changing times to: Beginners Meeting 6-7pm and Speaker meeting 7-8pm.

CHANGE!! Primary Purpose (Spencer) has moved to the South Spencer Community House, South Spencer Road.

PROPOSED INTERGROUP MEETING TIMELINE

June 2001 to May 2002

November 8, 2001 – Christmas and New Years Alcathon Drawings. . Outreach from Area 30 Grapevine Committee.

December 13, 2001 – Outreach from the Area 30 CPC Committee

January 10, 2002 – Guidelines

reviewed to determine if revisions are needed. Outreach from Area 30 Public Information Committee

February 14, 2002 – Nominations Committee appointed

March 14, 2002 – Nominations made for all officers and Committee chairpersons

April 11, 2002 – Elections and appointments

May 9, 2002 – New signature cards for bank account signed; Budgets proposed and voted on

Worcester Area Intergroup Social Committee Presents:

FALL DANCE 2001

Saturday, Nov. 17

8:00pm-midnight

Frohsinn Club

25 N. Quinsigamond Ave. Shrewsbury

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the Intergroup Office or at the door.

This is a Non-smoking event. Please, no carry-in drinks

As always, coffee is free!!

ONLINE....

Worcester Area Intergroup

NEW!!!

http://

www.aaworcester.org

Alcoholics Anonymous General Service Office

http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org

Grapevine

http://www.aagrapevine.org

Guidelines for Alcathon Committee

(Revised 08/17/2001)

Definition:

An alcathon is 36 hours of continuous meetings starting at noon the eve of and running until midnight of the holiday.

Thanksgiving: noon on Wednesday until midnight Thursday

Christmas: noon December 24th until midnight December 25th

New Years: noon December 31st until midnight January 1st

Format: The format for an alcathon is speaker meeting – 50 minutes per time slot

Purpose:

- For the fellowship to unite in unity, service and recovery.
- These are hard times for the newcomer and the alcoholic; it's when we need a meeting most.
- It's a tool to reach out and help the alcoholic that is suffering.

Committee consists of:

- 2 Co-Vice Chairs; 1 to be appointed by Worcester Area Intergroup and 1 to be appointed by District 25
- Volunteers and Helpers. It is suggested that the volunteers be in place by the September/October Committee Meeting.

Committee job description:

- Committee to meet, outline and coordinate alcathons
- Appoint a contact person with the location to review our needs and theirs
- Review and construct budgets
- Schedule coverage by responsible AA's to set up & clean up to be present during the alcathons
- Review lottery (time slot drawings)
- Review format
- Special ideas
- Budget change proposals presented to Worcester Area Intergroup and District 25 at their September/October business meetings

Committee responsibilities:

Conduct Committee Meetings within allotted time to address and resolve the following:

- Location of alcathons
- Times set for 12 noon the eve of the holiday
- Meet with location and review times, dates and space available (may vary from year to year due to other groups use of the location)
- Schedule times for coverage of alcathons. A responsible AA designated by the Alcathon Committee should be on location to handle any problems that may arise.
- Get the names and phone numbers of the location contact people
- Oversee rules of location and to keep with the Traditions of AA as a whole; NO SMOKING, PETS etc...
- Obtain insurance rider for location two weeks in advance through Worcester Area Intergroup
- Lottery of time slots; time, date and place to be determined by Alcathon Committee. If an AA group already meets at the location they may keep their regular one-hour time slot.
- Set up & clean up to be determined by Alcathon Committee. All areas used must be swept clean and mopped if required by the location
- The location's parking rules must be maintained
- List of supplies and equipment:
 - 4 coffee makers (Worcester Area Intergroup and District 25)
 - Speakers and microphone (Worcester Area Intergroup)
 - 12&12 shades (Worcester Area Intergroup)
 - Pamphlets and literature (purchase from budget)
 - Meeting lists (free from Worcester Area Intergroup)
 - Coffee, tea, milk etc. (to be determined by Alcathon Committee)

ALCATHON NEWS

District 25 and Worcester Area Intergroup Holiday Alcathon Schedule

All 3 Alcathons will be held at:

**St. Edmunds Center
Central Street
Auburn, MA**

Thanksgiving: noon on 11/21/2001 until midnight
11/22/2001

Christmas: 6:00pm on 12/24/2001 until midnight
12/25/2001

New Years: noon on 12/31/2001 until midnight
01/01/2002

BOOKIE BOARD

If you are the bookie for your home group and wish to have your number posted here, please call or write to the Intergroup Office. This is a great way to learn who the Bookies are for other groups and to get your number out to others!!

Upton Capertown: (Sat.
1:30pm)
Cindy S. (508) 752-9000

How It Works (Worcester):
(Sat 6:45pm)
Tom B. (508) 752-9000

How It Works (Northboro):
(Wed 8:00pm)
David C. (508) 752-9000

Hopedale Ray Of Hope: (Sun
10:30am)
Carol Y. or Ricky B. (508)
752-9000

4 Corners (Worcester): (Wed.
8:00pm)
John Y. (508) 752-9000

Way Of Sobriety (Worcester)
(Sun 10:00 am)
Debbie P. (508) 752-9000

Stow Sunday: (Sun. 11:00
am)
Tom S. (508) 752-9000

Holden Thursday Night
(Thurs. 8:30pm)
Gill B. (508) 752-9000

Starting Anew (Holliston)
(Wed. 8:00pm)
Elaine K. (508) 752-9000

GOYA (Whitinsville) (Thurs.
8:00pm)
Mike H. (508) 752-9000
Marybeth N. (508) 752-9000

Worcester Young People
(Tues. 7:30pm)
Jamie F. (508) 752-9000or
(508) 752-9000

Hudson Straight Shooters
(Thurs. 8:00pm)
Brian B. (508) 752-9000

Hudson Sunday Best (Sunday
7:30pm)
David B. (508) 752-9000

Millis Fellowship (Thurs.
8:00pm)
Bill G. (508) 752-9000

Douglas Maintenance and
Repair (Thurs. 7-8pm)
Paul P. (508) 752-9000

Top Of The Hill (Wed.
8:00pm)
Jeanne M. (508) 752-9000

Webster Joy of Living (Mon.
8:00pm)
Harry (508) 752-9000

Hudson Townline (Sat.
8:00pm)
Bob G. (508) 752-9000

Greendale Group (Worcester
Fri. 8:30pm)
Paul H. (508) 752-9000

Putnam Young People's
(Putnam, CT Fri. 8:00pm)
Glenn R. (508) 752-9000

What's Up of AA
(Thurs. 7:30pm)
Mike S. (508) 752-9000or
(508) 752-9000

Westboro Sunday Morning
(Sunday 11-noon)
Janet (508) 752-9000

Upton Spirit (Wednesday)
Amy L. (508) 752-9000

Groton Easy Duz It (Tuesday
7:30pm)
Joe F. (508) 752-9000

Early Risers (Worcester Sun
10am)
Dayle (508) 752-9000

Leominster Original (Mon
7:45-9:00pm)
James S. (508) 752-9000

Clinton Shamrocks (Tues.
7:15p-8:30pm)
Cheryl D. (508) 752-9000

Aurora Group (6:45pm-8pm)
Joanne K. (508) 752-
9000leave message

New Way Of Life (Mon.
7pm-8pm)
Audrey M. (508) 752-9000

Sherborn Wednesday Night
(Wed 8pm-9:15pm)
Debbie C. (508) 752-9000

7AM Group (daily)
Alan S. (508) 752-9000

Southbridge Sunday Night
John B. (508) 752-9000

Millbury Traditions
Donna (508) 752-9000



SERVICE MEETINGS

INTERGROUP

Steering Committee
 St. Joan of Arc Church
 570 Lincoln St.
 Worcester
 2nd Thursday
 6:15pm

Intergroup Delegates
 St. Joan of Arc Church
 570 Lincoln St.
 Worcester
 2nd Thursday
 7:00pm

Public Information
 Intergroup Office
 100 Grove St. # 309
 Worcester
 2nd Monday
 7:00pm

Joint Treatment
 Intergroup Office
 100 Grove St. # 309
 Worcester
 2nd Monday
 7:00pm

Corrections
 Intergroup Office
 100 Grove St. # 309
 Worcester
 TBA

Social Committee
 Intergroup Office
 100 Grove St. # 309
 Worcester
 1st Monday
 6:30pm

Beacon Committee
 Intergroup Office
 100 Grove St. # 309
 Worcester
 TBA

DISTRICT

District 25 (GSR's)
 St. Joan of Arc Church
 570 Lincoln St.
 Worcester
 1st Tuesday
 7:30pm

AREA 30

Eastern Mass. General Service Committee
 St. John's
 80 Mt. Auburn
 Watertown
 4th Wednesday
 8:00pm

Grapevine Committee
 Boston Central Service
 368 Congress St. Lower Level
 Boston
 4th Sunday
 1:00pm-3:00pm

CPC Committee
 Boston Central Service
 368 Congress St. Lower Level
 Boston
 2nd Thursday
 7:00pm

Joint Treatment Facilities
 St. Luke's
 950 East St.
 Dedham
 3rd Friday
 8:00pm

Archives Committee
 St. John's
 80 Mt. Auburn
 Watertown
 3rd Thursday
 7:30pm



I am responsible....

Literature Committee
 Carter Methodist Church
 800 Highland Ave.
 Needham
 1st Monday
 7:30pm

Corrections Committee
 Boston Central Service
 368 Congress St. Lower Level
 Boston
 4th Thursday
 7:00pm

Public Information
 Boston Central Service
 368 Congress St. Lower Level
 Boston
 1st Thursday
 7:00pm

Responsibility Declaration

I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible

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Worcester, MA 01605
ATTN: Beacon

Checks may be made payable to: Worcester Area Intergroup

12 Step Volunteer Application

Name (First name and last initial): _____

Telephone Number: _____

Towns you will accept calls from: _____

Hours that you are available: _____

I wish to help: Males Only Females Only Both

Ages I am willing to work with: Teens 20 to 30 30 to 40 40 to 50 50 to 60 Over 60

Other (Please specify) _____

I am willing to: (please circle all that apply)

Talk to a person on the phone Go to a persons home to talk *

Give rides to AA Meetings Give rides to Detox *

Meet someone at a meeting Other (please specify) _____

*It is suggested that a person NOT go on a twelfth step call alone to help an alcoholic who is still suffering. Also you should NOT drive a wet drunk to a treatment facility (detox) without having another A.A. member with you. If you circled either of these items, please be sure that you have another member of A.A. that is willing to go along with you.